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**PART A - BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

1. FULL NAME: **Christine Sandra Abizaid**  
OTHER NAMES USED: **Christy Abizaid**
2. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: **02/07/1979 Amman, Jordan**  
CITIZENSHIP: **United States**
3. MARITAL STATUS: **Married**
4. SPOUSE'S NAME: **Jill Murphy**
5. SPOUSE'S MAIDEN NAME IF APPLICABLE: **N/A**
6. NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN:

**REDACTED**

7. EDUCATION SINCE HIGH SCHOOL:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DATES ATTENDED</u>	<u>DEGREE RECEIVED</u>	<u>DATE OF DEGREE</u>
<b>Stanford University</b>	<b>September 2008 – June 2010</b>	<b>MA, International Policy Studies</b>	<b>June 2010</b>
<b>University of California at San Diego</b>	<b>September 1997 – June 2001</b>	<b>BA, Psychology</b>	<b>June 2001</b>

8. EMPLOYMENT RECORD (LIST ALL POSITIONS HELD SINCE COLLEGE, INCLUDING MILITARY SERVICE. INDICATE NAME OF EMPLOYER, POSITION, TITLE OR DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT).

<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>POSITION/TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Dell Technologies	Vice President, Global Operations	Austin, TX and Baltimore, MD	October 2017- present
Independent Contractor	Strategic Advisor	Austin TX	May 2017- September 2017
JPA Partners, LLC	Strategic Advisor	Austin, TX	May 2017- September 2017
Defense Innovation Unit (Experimental), Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense	Austin Presence Lead	Austin, TX	September 2016- January 2017
Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense	Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense – Afghanistan, Pakistan, Central Asia	Washington, D.C.	July 2014- August 2016
Defense Intelligence Agency	Senior Intelligence Officer	Washington, D.C.	June 2002-June 2014
Boston Private Bank and Trust Company	Customer Service Representative	Wellesley, MA	December 2001- May 2002

9. GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE (INDICATE EXPERIENCE IN OR ASSOCIATION WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, HONORARY, OR OTHER PART-TIME SERVICE OR POSITION. DO NOT REPEAT INFORMATION ALREADY PROVIDED IN QUESTION 8).

In addition to the assignments listed in question 8, during my U.S. Government career, I served in various rotational assignments to other offices and agencies and on deployment to war zones. These assignments included time with:

The Joint Staff, Intelligence Directorate  
The Central Intelligence Agency

**The Joint Special Operations Command  
Multinational Forces – Iraq Headquarters  
The National Security Council, Director, Counterterrorism Directorate  
The National Security Council, Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the  
President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism  
The White House Chief of Staff**

10. INDICATE ANY SPECIALIZED INTELLIGENCE OR NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERTISE YOU HAVE ACQUIRED HAVING SERVED IN THE POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN QUESTIONS 8 AND/OR 9.

**In the course of the positions in which I have served in the U.S. Government, I have gained significant experience in intelligence and national security matters.**

**The 9/11 terrorist attacks on our nation compelled me to work for the Department of Defense where I served as a counterterrorism intelligence officer, authoring and leading assessments of strategic terrorism trends across the Middle East and Asia Pacific. I wrote numerous strategic intelligence assessments, contributed to various National Intelligence Estimates, provided intelligence support to counterterrorism operations, deployed several times to the Middle East region in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and led analytic teams assessing the plans, intentions and capabilities of Lebanese Hizballah, Al-Qaida in Iraq/Islamic State in Iraq, Al-Qa'ida Core, Lashkar e-Tayyiba, and other terrorist groups and individuals.**

**In 2011, I transitioned from a producer to a consumer of intelligence by serving at the National Security Council (NSC), where I provided key contributions to the national security decision-making process. My initial NSC assignment focused primarily on terrorism policy and operations in the Middle East and Europe. In this role, I worked closely with NCTC and other Intelligence Community agencies to understand CT trends and task relevant CT assessments that helped drive whole-of-government strategic policy coordination, both across the interagency and with relevant international partners and allies.**

**My assignment at the National Security Council broadened considerably to include serving as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism (APHSCT). In this role, I not only tracked global CT threats and policy issues, but also engaged on cyber, intelligence, operational, foreign partner, and homeland security related tasks. I ensured clear, complete, timely, and well-considered support to the NSC staff and APHSCT.**

**In 2014, I transitioned back to the Department of Defense in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy to lead the Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia office. In this role, I established defense policy positions associated with the region, including recommendations to the Secretary of Defense regarding U.S. and NATO troop levels in Afghanistan. I also provided policy oversight for over \$5 billion in Congressional**

appropriations for regional security cooperation programs; coordinated within the Defense Department and the national security interagency to implement decisions related to the region, including those of the President and the Secretary of Defense; and engaged foreign counterparts, Members of Congress, and other stakeholders to communicate Administration decisions and policy positions relevant to U.S. national security interests. In this policy role, I relied heavily on intelligence assessments from across the community and in theater to formulate key defense policy recommendations and decisions for the region.

My government service concluded in 2017, as the lead for the Defense Innovation Unit (Experimental) (DIUx) in Austin, Texas where I worked with our warfighters to understand their strategic and operational technology needs. In this role, I established a new operating model for DIUx that relied heavily upon a team of military reservists and guardsman with tech know-how, scouted for commercially available technological solutions to warfighter problems; engaged the tech ecosystem across Texas; and fostered ties between innovators and the U.S. military.

11. HONORS AND AWARDS (PROVIDE INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORARY DEGREES, MILITARY DECORATIONS, CIVILIAN SERVICE CITATIONS, OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENT).

**Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service: 2016**

**Council on Foreign Relations Term Member: 2015**

**Office of Director of National Intelligence Award: 2008**

**Defense Intelligence Agency Academic Fellowship to Stanford University: 2008**

**National Military Intelligence Association John T. Hughes Award: 2007**

**U.S. Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service: 2006**

**Defense Civilian Expeditionary Medal for overseas deployment: 2003, 2006, 2008**

12. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (LIST MEMBERSHIPS IN AND OFFICES HELD WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS IN ANY PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC, FRATERNAL, BUSINESS, SCHOLARLY, CULTURAL, CHARITABLE, OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS).

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICE HELD</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Middle East Policy Council	Director, Board of Directors	May 2017-present

<b>Responsible Business Alliance</b>	<b>Director, Board of Directors</b>	<b>October 2019-present</b>
<b>Leadership Council for Women in National Security</b>	<b>Steering Committee Member</b>	<b>August 2019-present</b>
<b>Truman Center</b>	<b>Advisor, Board of Advisors</b>	<b>March 2020-present</b>

13. PUBLISHED WRITINGS AND SPEECHES (LIST THE TITLES, PUBLISHERS, BLOGS AND PUBLICATION DATES OF ANY BOOKS, ARTICLES, REPORTS, OR OTHER PUBLISHED MATERIALS YOU HAVE AUTHORED. ALSO LIST ANY PUBLIC SPEECHES OR REMARKS YOU HAVE MADE WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS FOR WHICH THERE IS A TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO). IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF EACH REQUESTED PUBLICATION, TEXT, TRANSCRIPT, OR VIDEO?

**To the best of my ability, I have identified all materials responsive to this question; there may be other materials I do not recall at this time.**

**Department of Defense Witness, *Assessing the Development of the Afghan National Security Forces*, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations (Feb 2016)**

**Department of Defense Witness, *Rebuilding Afghanistan: Oversight of Defense Department Infrastructure Projects*, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, House of Representatives (Mar 2016)**

**Guest, Bombshell Podcast, Episode: Be Like Shawn (Jan 2018)**

**Book Review Roundtable: *With Us and Against Us*, “The Imperfect Truth Behind Counterterrorism Partnerships,” Texas National Security Review (July 2018)**

**Dell Technologies Blog: “Working Together for Water and a Cleaner Lake Taihu” (Oct 2018)**

**Dell Technologies Blog: “At Dell Technologies, People are a Priority” (Dec 2019)**

## **PART B - QUALIFICATIONS**

14. QUALIFICATIONS (DESCRIBE WHY YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER).

**I believe I am qualified to serve as the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center based on my extensive service in the U.S. CT community, my experiences in key interagency and Department of Defense national security decision-making roles, and my demonstrated ability to build and lead large, effective, and globally-based teams.**

**During my 15 years in the U.S. Government, serving across both Republican and Democratic Administrations, I worked key aspects of counterterrorism (CT) intelligence-, operational-, and policy-related missions. Through these experiences, I developed a foundational understanding of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), the value it brings to the wider Intelligence Community, and the essential role it plays in providing decisionmakers a strategic understanding of the threat and what is required to protect the United States, allies and partners from terrorist attacks.**

**Throughout my government career, I experienced firsthand the critical role NCTC plays in protecting the United States. As an all-source intelligence analyst, I collaborated closely with NCTC colleagues to assess the CT threat landscape, including working alongside men and women in military uniform in Iraq. At the National Security Council, I leveraged NCTC to help develop CT partner strategies and worked with NCTC analysts and leadership to ensure appropriate visibility of current and emerging terrorist threats. Lastly, as DASD-APC, I consumed NCTC analysis on the trajectory of the terrorist threat environment in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which was critical to shaping my recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on U.S. defense policy in the region.**

**My non-CT specific experience is equally relevant to my qualifications to serve as the NCTC Director. Having developed, implemented, and defended defense policy in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, I have a unique insight into the interagency and foreign partner collaborations that are necessary to the execution of successful, whole-of-government policy initiatives. I also understand the responsibility of managing a sizeable Congressional Appropriation aimed at securing the nation, with a clear focus on ethical and effective execution of taxpayer-funded mission sets. As a leader at DIUx, I had a front row seat to the entrepreneurial innovation ecosystems that are engines of growth in the United States and must be central partners as the Intelligence Community leverages open-source data to complete its view of the strategic environment. My executive experience at Dell Technologies has equipped me to lead strategic transformations across global organizations of hundreds of personnel in a way that effectively anticipates risk, organizes decision-making ahead of moments of crises, and puts professional ethics at the forefront of team execution.**

**Finally, I believe NCTC requires a strong leader to guide the Center through a rapidly changing strategic environment. My experiences at the cutting edge of CT decision-making, leading dynamic teams, and innovating to anticipate and effectively posture for coming challenges will be a key enabler for the Center. Whether developing whole-of-government strategies at the National Security Council, empowering DoD civilians to do their best work as DASD-APC, or expanding my team at Dell to tackle a critical**



**global assurance mission, organizational planning and effective team-building are core to how I lead teams to have a strategic impact.**

**If confirmed, I hope to bring my past expertise, experiences, and capabilities to bear to benefit the NCTC mission and its workforce. It would be an honor to serve as the first female Director of an institution critical to the protection of the United States, its citizens, and civilians all over the world.**

**PART C - POLITICAL AND FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS**

15. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (LIST ANY MEMBERSHIPS OR OFFICES HELD IN OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR SERVICES RENDERED TO, ANY POLITICAL PARTY, ELECTION COMMITTEE, POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, OR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS).

**Biden for President, 2020: \$250**

**Elissa Slotkin, 2017: \$450; 2018: \$1500; 2019: \$250; 2020: \$650**

**Gina Ortiz Jones, 2018: \$900**

**Andy Kim: 2018: \$150**

**Joseph Kopser, 2018: \$150**

**Beto O'Rourke, 2018: \$100**

**Jamie Harrison, 2020: \$100**

**Cal Cunningham, 2020: \$100**

16. CANDIDACY FOR PUBLIC OFFICE (FURNISH DETAILS OF ANY CANDIDACY FOR ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE).

**N/A**

17. FOREIGN AFFILIATIONS

(NOTE: QUESTIONS 17A AND B ARE NOT LIMITED TO RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRING REGISTRATION UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT. QUESTIONS 17A, B, AND C DO NOT CALL FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE IF THE REPRESENTATION OR TRANSACTION WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.)

**A. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REPRESENTED IN ANY CAPACITY (E.G. EMPLOYEE, ATTORNEY, OR POLITICAL/BUSINESS CONSULTANT), WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.**



No

B. HAVE ANY OF YOUR OR YOUR SPOUSE'S ASSOCIATES REPRESENTED, IN ANY CAPACITY, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR AN ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE FULLY DESCRIBE SUCH RELATIONSHIP.

No

C. DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE RECEIVED ANY COMPENSATION FROM, OR BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY FINANCIAL OR BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS WITH, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR ANY ENTITY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

D. HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER REGISTERED UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

18. DESCRIBE ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS, OTHER THAN IN AN OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT CAPACITY, IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE ENGAGED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INFLUENCING THE PASSAGE, DEFEAT, OR MODIFICATION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTION OF FEDERAL LAW OR PUBLIC POLICY.

**I am not and never have been a registered lobbyist. In 2018, in my capacity at Dell, at the request of Dell Government Affairs and accompanied by them, I attended a day-long Industry Association program of staff-level meetings on Capitol Hill to discuss the impact of existing U.S. Government tariffs on U.S. businesses.**

#### **PART D - FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

19. DESCRIBE ANY EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP, FINANCIAL TRANSACTION, INVESTMENT, ASSOCIATION, OR ACTIVITY (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEALINGS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON YOUR OWN BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF A CLIENT), WHICH COULD CREATE, OR APPEAR TO CREATE, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED.

**During the nominations process, I have consulted with the designated Ethics Official at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, who has, in turn, consulted with the**

**Office of Government Ethics, to identify potential conflicts of interest. As a result of this process, potential conflicts have been identified in an Ethics Agreement, which has been provided to the Committee. More broadly, I will follow the advice of ethics officials to address any potential conflicts of interest identified, in order to resolve them in a manner that is consistent with the conflicts of interest statutes, applicable standards of conduct, and the terms of my aforementioned Ethics Agreement.**

20. DO YOU INTEND TO SEVER ALL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYERS, FIRMS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND/OR PARTNERSHIPS, OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE? IF NOT, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

**Yes**

21. DESCRIBE THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE OR PLAN TO MAKE, IF YOU ARE CONFIRMED, IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERANCE FROM YOUR CURRENT POSITION. PLEASE INCLUDE SEVERANCE PAY, PENSION RIGHTS, STOCK OPTIONS, DEFERRED INCOME ARRANGEMENTS, AND ANY AND ALL COMPENSATION THAT WILL OR MIGHT BE RECEIVED IN THE FUTURE AS A RESULT OF YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

**During the nominations process, I have consulted with the designated Ethics Official at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, who has, in turn, consulted with the Office of Government Ethics, to identify potential conflicts of interest. As a result of this process, potential conflicts have been identified in an Ethics Agreement, which has been provided to the Committee.**

22. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS, COMMITMENTS, OR AGREEMENTS TO PURSUE OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, DURING YOUR SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

**No**

23. AS FAR AS CAN BE FORESEEN, STATE YOUR PLANS AFTER COMPLETING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. PLEASE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS, WRITTEN OR UNWRITTEN, CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AFTER LEAVING GOVERNMENT SERVICE. IN PARTICULAR, DESCRIBE ANY AGREEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS, OR OPTIONS TO RETURN TO YOUR CURRENT POSITION.

**None**

24. IF YOU ARE PRESENTLY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS OF SUCH SERVICE, HAVE YOU RECEIVED FROM A PERSON OUTSIDE OF GOVERNMENT AN OFFER OR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO EMPLOY YOUR SERVICES AFTER YOU LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

N/A

25. IS YOUR SPOUSE EMPLOYED? IF YES AND THE NATURE OF THIS EMPLOYMENT IS RELATED IN ANY WAY TO THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION, PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYER, THE POSITION, AND THE LENGTH OF TIME THE POSITION HAS BEEN HELD. IF YOUR SPOUSE'S EMPLOYMENT IS NOT RELATED TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED, PLEASE SO STATE.

**My spouse is a federal government employee and their position is not related to the position to which I have been nominated.**

26. LIST BELOW ALL CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, FOUNDATIONS, TRUSTS, OR OTHER ENTITIES TOWARD WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE FIDUCIARY OBLIGATIONS OR IN WHICH YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE HAVE HELD DIRECTORSHIPS OR OTHER POSITIONS OF TRUST DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

<u>NAME OF ENTITY</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DATES HELD</u>	<u>SELF OR SPOUSE</u>
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27. LIST ALL GIFTS EXCEEDING \$100 IN VALUE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BY YOU, YOUR SPOUSE, OR YOUR DEPENDENTS. (NOTE: GIFTS RECEIVED FROM RELATIVES AND GIFTS GIVEN TO YOUR SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT NEED NOT BE INCLUDED UNLESS THE GIFT WAS GIVEN WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND ACQUIESCENCE AND YOU HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THE GIFT WAS GIVEN BECAUSE OF YOUR OFFICIAL POSITION.)

**None**

28. LIST ALL SECURITIES, REAL PROPERTY, PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS, OR OTHER INVESTMENTS OR RECEIVABLES WITH A CURRENT MARKET VALUE (OR, IF MARKET VALUE IS NOT ASCERTAINABLE, ESTIMATED CURRENT FAIR VALUE) IN EXCESS OF \$1,000. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE A OF THE DISCLOSURE FORMS OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CURRENT VALUATIONS ARE USED.)

<u>DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>METHOD OF VALUATION</u>
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Please see OGE Form 278e

29. LIST ALL LOANS OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS (INCLUDING ANY CONTINGENT LIABILITIES) IN EXCESS OF \$10,000. EXCLUDE A MORTGAGE ON YOUR PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNLESS IT IS RENTED OUT, AND LOANS SECURED BY AUTOMOBILES, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OR APPLIANCES. (NOTE: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SCHEDULE C OF THE DISCLOSURE FORM OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, PROVIDED THAT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES ARE ALSO INCLUDED.)

<u>NATURE OF OBLIGATION</u>	<u>NAME OF OBLIGEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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30. ARE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE NOW IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE BEEN IN DEFAULT ON ANY LOAN, DEBT, OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? HAVE YOU OR YOUR SPOUSE EVER BEEN REFUSED CREDIT OR HAD A LOAN APPLICATION DENIED? IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS IS YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

31. LIST THE SPECIFIC SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF ALL INCOME RECEIVED DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING ALL SALARIES, FEES, DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, GIFTS, RENTS, ROYALTIES, PATENTS, HONORARIA, AND OTHER ITEMS EXCEEDING \$200. (COPIES OF U.S. INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THESE YEARS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED HERE, BUT THEIR SUBMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED.)

## REDACTED

32. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS?

Yes

33. LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE FILE ANNUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Maryland

34. HAVE YOUR FEDERAL OR STATE TAX RETURNS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN AUDIT, INVESTIGATION, OR INQUIRY AT ANY TIME? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH PROCEEDING.

No

35. IF YOU ARE AN ATTORNEY, ACCOUNTANT, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL, PLEASE LIST ALL CLIENTS AND CUSTOMERS WHOM YOU BILLED MORE THAN \$200 WORTH OF SERVICES DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS. ALSO, LIST ALL JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH YOU ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE.

**I am not an attorney, accountant or other professional. In 2017, when I worked for a period of four months as an independent consultant, I provided services to the Markle Foundation's Rework America Task Force.**

36. DO YOU INTEND TO PLACE YOUR FINANCIAL HOLDINGS AND THOSE OF YOUR SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT MEMBERS OF YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD IN A BLIND TRUST? IF YES, PLEASE FURNISH DETAILS. IF NO, DESCRIBE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR AVOIDING ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

No.

37. IF APPLICABLE, LIST THE LAST THREE YEARS OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS YOU HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO FILE WITH YOUR AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT. IF ASKED, WILL YOU PROVIDE A COPY OF THESE REPORTS?

N/A

#### **PART E - ETHICAL MATTERS**

38. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OR CITED FOR A BREACH OF ETHICS OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY, OR BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT TO, ANY COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUP? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

39. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED, HELD, ARRESTED, OR CHARGED BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE, OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE, OR NAMED AS A DEFENDANT OR OTHERWISE IN ANY INDICTMENT OR INFORMATION RELATING TO SUCH VIOLATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

40. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF OR ENTERED A PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO ANY CRIMINAL VIOLATION OTHER THAN A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

41. ARE YOU PRESENTLY OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A PARTY IN INTEREST IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CIVIL LITIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

42. HAVE YOU BEEN INTERVIEWED OR ASKED TO SUPPLY ANY INFORMATION AS A WITNESS OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION, FEDERAL, OR STATE AGENCY PROCEEDING, GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION IN THE PAST TEN YEARS? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

43. HAS ANY BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR PARTNER BEEN A PARTY TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY PROCEEDING OR CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LITIGATION RELEVANT TO THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS. (WITH RESPECT TO A BUSINESS OF WHICH YOU ARE OR WERE AN OFFICER, YOU NEED ONLY CONSIDER PROCEEDINGS AND LITIGATION THAT OCCURRED WHILE YOU WERE AN OFFICER OF THAT BUSINESS.)

No

44. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANY INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

No

**PART F - SECURITY INFORMATION**

45. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DENIED ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION FOR ANY REASON? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN IN DETAIL.

No

46. HAVE YOU BEEN REQUIRED TO TAKE A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FOR ANY SECURITY CLEARANCE OR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

**Yes. I have completed a polygraph examination as a requirement to serve in various capacities in the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community.**

47. HAVE YOU EVER REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

No



## **PART G - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

48. DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS THE CONCEPT OF CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES. IN PARTICULAR, CHARACTERIZE WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE OBLIGATIONS OF YOUR POSITION AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE OVERSIGHT PROCESS.

**The concept of congressional oversight is essential to establishing trust with the American people about the critical and appropriate role the Intelligence Community must play in securing the nation.**

**Much of what the Intelligence Community does cannot be the subject of public discussion, owing to the need to protect sources and methods. This necessary secrecy places a great deal of responsibility on the congressional intelligence committees that oversee the Intelligence Community and whose Members must represent collectively the opinions and perspectives of their constituents and the broader American public. Given this responsibility, the Intelligence Community must stay engaged with oversight committees to ensure they are able to fulfill their duties on behalf of U.S. citizens.**

**As noted by prior nominees to be the Director of NCTC, under sections 501-503 of the National Security Act of 1947 (as amended), the President, and by extension the leaders of the Intelligence Community, have an affirmative obligation to keep the responsible congressional intelligence committees fully and currently informed of significant intelligence activities – including any significant anticipated intelligence activities and significant intelligence failures. This obligation applies to the National Counterterrorism Center and the Director of NCTC.**

**Through briefings, hearings, Member meetings, congressional notifications, budget submissions and various other forms of interactions with Congress, the Intelligence Community not only informs Congress of its activities, but also receives much needed perspective on how to best and most appropriately direct its activities, consistent with Congressional mandates.**

**If confirmed as the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, I would commit to ensuring congressional intelligence committees remain informed of NCTC activities, consistent with the requirement of the law. I will be personally available as the situation dictates and will ensure my staff are fully engaged in providing the information necessary to ensure proper oversight of NCTC by the legislative branch.**

49. EXPLAIN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN NOMINATED.

**The statutory responsibilities of the National Counterterrorism Center and its Director are delineated in section 1021 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. The law requires the Director to report to the Director of National Intelligence for all counterterrorism related intelligence issues, and to report to the President of the United States when exercising the Center's whole-of-government strategic operational planning functions.**

**As other nominees to be Director of NCTC have noted, NCTC's mission, and that of its Director, is focused to prevent, detect and disrupt acts of terrorism directed against the United States and its interests, both at home and abroad. NCTC resources are primarily aimed at providing all-source intelligence analysis to decision-makers ranging from the President of the United States to Cabinet Officials, to members of our uniformed services, to state and local authorities. NCTC analysis incorporates source information from across the full spectrum of collection disciplines. The Center's statutory authorities allow its personnel to draw upon both foreign and domestic intelligence to produce analysis, making NCTC uniquely situated to provide a comprehensive and integrated view of the total threat landscape confronting the country.**

**Beyond its analytical mission, NCTC and its Director are responsible for ensuring that federal departments and agencies are provided with all-source intelligence support to execute assigned counterterrorism activities. NCTC serves as the information sharing and collaboration hub of an Intelligence Community architecture focused on terrorism issues, and was established in part to fulfill this integrative role to protect against gaps that may emerge from seams between different federal departments and agencies. In addition to serving federal partners in the executive branch, NCTC also supports the Congress with a constant flow of information and analysis, both to the appropriate committees of the Congress, as well as to the Capitol Police Executive Board. NCTC also has an increasingly important role to play in providing terrorism information and analysis to the state, local and tribal community of customers, working closely with FBI and DHS to execute this responsibility.**

**The Center and its Director are responsible for maintaining the central and shared knowledge bank on known and suspected terrorists (KSTs), international terror groups, as well as the networks of support associated with KSTs and known terrorist groups. NCTC accomplishes this mission through the design, operation and maintenance of a classified database called TIDE, or the Terrorism Identities Datamart Environment.**

**NCTC also conducts whole-of-government planning to support the government's CT strategies and plans. This area of its mandate extends beyond the bounds of the traditional Intelligence Community. It requires that NCTC planners engage and coordinate with partners across the federal government to ensure that all elements of national power are mobilized to counter the United States' terrorist adversaries. Working in close cooperation with the National Security Council staff, NCTC supports the President in the development of appropriate CT strategies and plans.**

**Finally, the Director of NCTC also serves as the National Intelligence Manager on CT intelligence matters for the Director of National Intelligence. In this capacity, NCTC leads the CT Community in identifying knowledge gaps in CT analysis and then focusing collection/production resources on closing those gaps.**

**AFFIRMATION**

I, Christine Abizaid, DO SWEAR THAT THE ANSWERS I HAVE PROVIDED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.

**CHRISTINE ABIZAID SIGNATURE**

May 4, 2021  
(Date)

**NOTARY SIGNATURE**

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TO THE CHAIRMAN, SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE:

In connection with my nomination, I hereby express my willingness to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

**CHRISTINE ABIZAID SIGNATURE**

Date: May 4, 2021